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## DAINTY!

Those New,  
Patent Leather,  
3 Bar Strap,  
French Heel,  
Evening Slippers,  
AT.....

## EMERSON'S,

Are the Swellest  
That's Happened.

The Chickasha  
Electric Light and  
Power company.

LIGHTS put in stores and  
residences. Prices on  
application.

TOM IRVING,  
Proprietor.

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### TOMASSO CONOVER

Since my coming among these tribes years ago, I have come in contact with some remarkable characters, and have been thrilled with on account of their history. One of was Mrs. Tomasso Conover. Long years ago while yet a small girl in her home in old Mexico, she was stolen by a band of marauding Comanches and brought to this section. She remained among them several years, when there was an effort by the government to restore to their people and homes all captive white and Mexican. She was sent back to old Mexico with other captives, but not remembering her name her family could not be found and she was placed as an orphan into another home near Santa Rosa, here she was being treated as a slave, and of course was dissatisfied with her hard lot. Strange as it may appear, she had learned to love the Comanches while she was with them and under the treatment which she was receiving in this Mexican family, she conceived the plan of running away and going back to them. She told her plan to a Mexican boy of her own age, and who was in like condition with herself whom she called brother, but who was probably only a neighbor son or perhaps a cousin. His name was No-bo-ach. He readily joined Tomasso in her purpose. When they had perfected every arrangement to the best of their childish ability, they stole each a horse one night during a Mexican fandango, and started away to the northward to find their Comanche people. The river was much swollen but they swam the river and made good their escape, getting across the line into the United States before their direction could be ascertained. For long weary months she and the boy wandered on, keeping out of sight of every one, subsisting on berries and roots and such game as they could get. One of the horses finally died or was killed, and upon this they subsisted for sometime, taking

along with them, as they continued their lonely journey, as much of the horse flesh as they could manage. It was from the account they gave, nearly two years before they found the Comanches. Their clothes were worn out and marked and emaciated, they had given up hope and concluded that they were doomed to a lonely and wretched death out on the broad prairie with no pitying hand to help, lying down in despair that night, Tomasso dreamed as she fell asleep that she came upon a trail that looked familiar, which she followed and that it led her right on to the Comanches whom she so much desired to find. Next morning encouraged by her dream they renewed their journey. The had not gone far before they came upon a trail resembling the one Tomasso had seen in her dreams. They followed it and soon came in sight of an Indian camp which proved to be their own Comanche people whom they had sought for so many weary months. They were so emaciated that when the Comanches saw them approaching, they cried out, "Are you really alive or dead, and your spirits come back to us?" But they were soon assured of their real earthly existence as they listened with interest to an account by Tomasso of their escape from Mexican slavery, and of their trials in their long weary wanderings to get back to their Comanche friends. Tomasso was ever after to be an object of respect and admiration by the Comanches and all other people who learned of her adventure. She grew up, but while yet a girl was, according to the Indian custom, about to be given in marriage to a Comanche.

Mr. Joseph Chandler who was connected with the government service at Fort Sill had himself met Tomasso, and learned to love her, and intended marrying her at the proper time. When, therefore, she was about to be given away against her wishes he married her at once, while yet she was in her girlhood. This proved a happy marriage. The fruits of that marriage was a number of children who still live in our midst: Mrs. Wm. Deitrich and

Messrs. Solomon, Joseph and George Chandler.

For valuable services rendered the government there was given to Mr. Chandler and his young wife 320 acres of land selected on the Little Washita. In 1873 Mr. Chandler died and after a lapse of time the widow married Mr. Geo. Conover, for 27 years they lived together and three children came to bless their home. Thirteen years ago the writer became acquainted with her. Her ease and readiness in conversation, her good sense uttered in her quaint way, her romantic life, all made her an interesting character. Her honesty of purpose, her simplicity of character were refreshing. She had faith in an over-ruling hand though as yet she could see but dimly. In 1892 in a campmeeting at the foot of Mt. Scott, the writer, one evening was explaining the way of salvation to an audience of Mexicans and Indians. She became greatly moved as she listened, and professed saving faith in Christ and gave expression to her experience by open rejoicings, and exhortations to the people present. In January 1893 she joined the Methodist church of which she remained a faithful member till her death. For two years she suffered much from an incurable disease; but tenacious of life, strong in purpose, she survived where others of a less will force would have succumbed. Not long since she grew worse and on the 6th last relief came, and surrounded by relatives and friends, she quietly fell asleep to wake amid the glories of a home on high.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wake to weep."  
By the rippling waters of the Little Washita, near the home of her youthful days, she was laid away to rest. Sweet be her rest till the resurrection morn shall call her forth in full triumph with the redeemed hosts of heaven.  
J. J. METHVIN.

It looks like the canal connecting the Pacific and Atlantic oceans will be built, and that the Nicaragua project will be the one to be put through. There is nothing of greater moment to the south than this plan to build an isthmian canal.

The appropriation bill will go through in whoop.

## NOTICE!

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That your old age may be passed in comfort.

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ROBT. L. McQUISTON.

CHICKASHA, INDIAN TERRITORY.

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IN  
CLOTHING.  
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AGAINST  
RUST!  
PROOF  
AGAINST  
WEAR!



We are proud to call our customers' attention to such a corset. We know no better. We can fit you handsomely at \$1.00, or, if you wish, a finer quality—All are Rust-proof—  
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